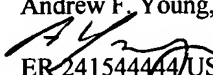


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the related art references are enclosed. It is requested that the information and art be made of record and included on the 'references cited' portion of any patent issuing from this application and closely reviewed by the Examiner.

The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in citations listed in the German Examination Report (2-pages, provided) for DE 102 36 532.6 dated March 18, 2003. See MPEP §609 A(3).

It is noted that the items cited in the Examination Report are supplied as follows:

- DE 197 52 408 A1 - A complete copy in German is provided, and a Translated cover page of the US case 5,967,858 claiming the same JP priority. See §609A(3).
- DE 196 18 978 A1 - A complete copy in German is provided, and a Translated cover page of the US case 5,825,085 claiming the same JP priority. See above.
- DE 102 37 561.5-33 - A DE decision to grant (1-page) the patent rights for the DE application from which this application claims priority, namely DE 102 37 561.5.

Applicants respectfully submit that the submission of the above documents is sufficient to enable full review under the applicable rules, codes, and sections.

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed reference materials in the examination of this application.

No fees are deemed necessary for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed before a first office action in this Application. However, if any fees are necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please contact us for immediate service.

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It is therefore believed that the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by such references.

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